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1. The Piestany Airfield is located on the northern edge of Piestany between the Bratislava - Trencin railroad line and the Piestany - Nove Mesto road, which is eight meters wide and is partly of concrete, partly of asphalt. The Vah River flows on the east side of the airfield and comes as close as 200 meters from the field. The river flows through meadowland here and branches into several arms near the airfield. The Piestany railroad station is about 1.5 kilometers south of the airfield.
2. The west side of the field is parallel to and about 100 meters away from the embankment of the Piestany - Nove Mesto railroad line. According to the railroad kilometer markers, the field is exactly 1,700 meters long. In the north, it comes to within 120 meters of the road branching off from the main Piestany - Nove Mesto road and leading west to Orviste and Ostrov. The northeast corner of the airfield is 100 meters from the intersection of the Nove Mesto and Ostrov roads.
3. The eastern edge of the field is parallel to the Piestany - Nove Mesto road and 130 meters distant from it. At a guess, the southeastern corner of the field is 120 meters from the intersection of the main Piestany - Nove Mesto road and the road from Piestany to Vrbove. 25X1
4. The field does not have a concrete runway, but there are level asphalt surfaces in front of the hangars which are called aprons. The surface of the field is grass on very firm soil. It apparently has been rolled.
5. The field is surrounded by a wire fence reinforced with barbed wire. The entrance to the field is at the southeast corner. A Czech soldier is on guard at the entrance at all times.
6. [redacted] even after heavy rains and after thaws there was no interference with traffic on the field. [redacted] a drainage system was installed on the field but could give no details from personal observation. 25X1
7. Electric current is obtained from a transformer which is connected with the

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high-voltage line (Hochleitung) from Nove Mesto.

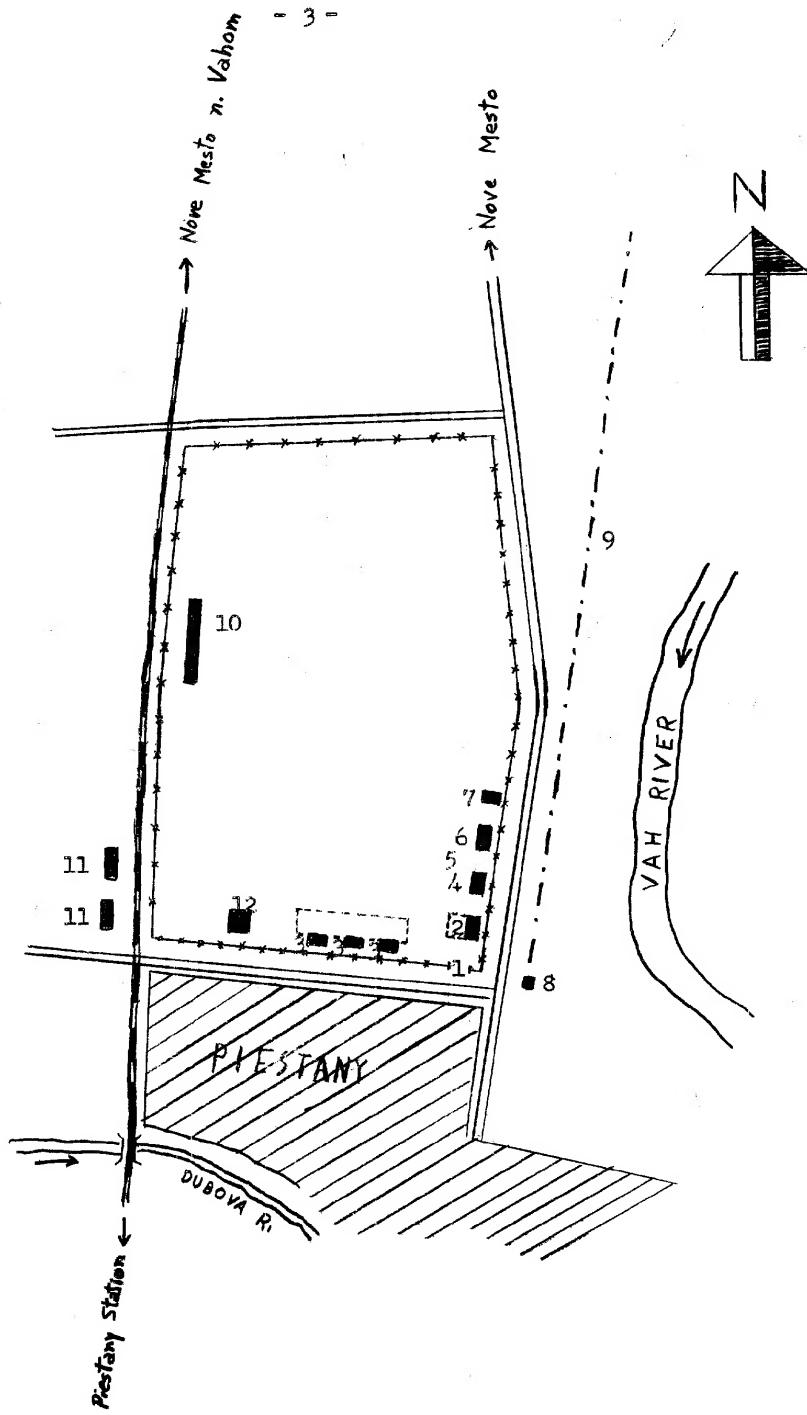
8. A hangar is located in the southeast corner of the field, about 130 meters from the south edge of the field and 50 meters from the east edge. It is 20 by 50 meters in area and 12 meters high, is built of concrete and has a corrugated metal roof. The asphalt apron in front of this hangar is about 30 by 70 meters in area.
9. West of this hangar and 200 meters away is a row of three hangars 30 meters apart; each of these is 20 by 40 meters in size. These hangars were destroyed during World War II but have been rebuilt since 1951. They are concrete structures with arched roofs and are painted yellow. There are asphalt aprons in front of these hangars with a total area of about 30 by 200 meters.
10. The airfield administration is located in a building 100 meters north of the hangar in the southeast corner of the field. The building has one story and there is a glassed-in observation installation on the roof. The building has a flat roof, on which is located an aerial consisting of two large and two small antennae, the large one being 5 meters long, the small one $2\frac{1}{2}$ meters. About 50 meters north of the administration building is the wind sleeve mast, and a workshop (No. 6 on the annexed sketch) is located 50 meters north of the sleeve.
11. Approximately 90 meters north of this workshop is a building which [redacted] is an ammunition dump. 25X1
12. About 100 meters east of the Piestany - Nove Mesto road and 50 meters north of the junction of that road with the one to Vrbove is the transformer (No. 8 on the sketch). The electric high-voltage line runs along the Piestany - Nove Mesto road.
13. A firing range for infantry weapons is located about 1,100 meters north of the southwest corner of the airfield.
14. The barracks (two buildings - No. 11 on the sketch) of the fliers and ground personnel are located about 100 m. west of the Piestany - Nove Mesto railroad line and 150 meters north of the road to Vrbove. These buildings are 50 meters apart and are one-story stone structures.
15. The underground fuel dump is located about 120 meters north of the south edge of the field and 300 meters east of the southwest corner. It consists of tanks buried in the ground. [redacted] there were four tanks. 25X1
16. Piestany Airfield belongs to the Czechoslovak Air Force, but both military and civilian aircraft use it. The 2nd Fighter Regiment is located on the field, according to ground personnel. [redacted] Soviet LA-9 aircraft without identification markings on their fuselages and also without the red star insignia of the Soviet Air Force. 25X1
17. The Piestany field is used daily by the Bratislava - Tatry civilian flights. A bi-motored Dakota is always stationed at the field to be used as a reserve craft. There were also some two or four fairly old sport-type aircraft belonging to the local Aeroklub until the beginning of 1953. However, these had not been seen for several months at the time of observation.

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Legend to Sketch of Piestany Airfield

1. Main entrance
2. Large hangar
3. Three medium-sized hangars
4. Administration building
5. Mast with wind sleeve
6. Workshop
7. Ammunition dump
8. Transformer
9. Electric high-voltage line
10. Firing range
11. Barracks for fliers and ground personnel
12. Fuel dump with pump

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